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*Agency of Human Services*

January 27, 2006

Ms. Elizabeth Dycus  
Chair  
Vermont Board of Health  
Burlington, Vermont

Dear Ms. Dycus:

Pursuant to the Board's action on December 14, 2005 in granting a conditional license to Vermont State Hospital, I am writing to provide our biweekly update to the Board on the State's negotiations with the Department of Justice.

There has been no significant change in the situation since our last report, although I'd like to make one minor amendment: where our January 9 letter mentioned a workable draft agreement of approximately 16 pages, I understand that, with introductory language included, we now are expecting a document of approximately 21 pages.

I also would like to acknowledge the January 17 receipt of the Board's "problem list," which we are to address in monthly reports.

It is our intention to adhere to deadlines of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of each month for the required biweekly report on Department of Justice matters, and to a deadline of the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for the required monthly report on other matters. As a practice, we may choose to file our reports a few days early. I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience if you have questions or concerns about this schedule or about any of our responses.

Sincerely,



Terry Rowe  
Executive Director  
Vermont State Hospital

cc: Members, Vermont Board of Health